

LOCAL "STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION"

Sevier County, Utah

WHEREAS, the County of Sevier, Utah has suffered and continues to suffer flooding and damage due to persistent snow pack run off since mid May 2011; and

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WHEREAS, the warm days continue to cause high runoff; and

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WHEREAS, all reservoirs above Sevier County on the Sevier River are at capacity and flowing over the spillways; and

WHEREAS, Sevier County has, is now and will continue to suffer from flooding that has caused or is now causing damage to public and private property and some disruption of infrastructure throughout Sevier County; and

WHEREAS, Sevier County is a political subdivision of the State of Utah; and

WHEREAS, the following conditions exist and are ongoing:

The Sevier River continues to threaten homes and property with flooding.

The Sevier River Road between Central Valley and Annabella has been closed since May 10, 2011, due to high water flowing across the roadway.

The Sevier River East of Joseph, Utah breached its bank and has cut a new river channel causing the river to flow over State Road 118 between Joseph, Utah and Monroe, Utah requiring the closure of that road, which restricts travel between those cities.

Nebeker Lane and Seegmiller Lane have been closed since May 10, 2011, due to high water flowing across the roadway and have suffered severe damage.

Wide spread sandbagging has been done and continues throughout the County in effort prevent additional damage.

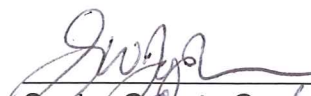

The construction of berms and removal of debris from streambeds throughout the county continues. Emergency personnel, County and City staff and volunteers continue to assess the circumstances and work through problems as they arise.

The increase in many areas of stagnant water is causing an increase in the mosquito population and a concern about possible West Nile Virus may certainly cause serious unsafe conditions and greatly escalate the cost to our mosquito abatement efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated, 63K-4-301 on behalf of the residents of the County of Sevier, we declare a state of local emergency.

DATED: 6/13/2011


Sevier County Commission


Sevier County Commission Chair

Sevier County Commission

ATTEST: 
County Clerk